

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 17-22 are pending and have been allowed in this application. In the March 11, 2005 Office action, the examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(4). In addition, the examiner objected to the specification for various informalities. The examiner allowed claims 17-22.

In this response, applicant has proposed a drawing correction. Applicant has also amended the specification to overcome the informalities noted by the examiner. In addition, applicant has added new claims 23-31.

II. The Objection to the Drawings Should be Withdrawn

In the May 11, 2005 office action, the examiner noted that reference numeral “262” on Figure 3 of the drawings should be changed to “162”. Attached hereto is a replacement sheet of drawings which shows revised Figure 3 with reference numeral 262 replaced by reference numeral 162. The attached replacement sheet is labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the header, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121. Acceptance of the drawings, including the attached replacement sheet is respectfully requested.

III. The Objection to the Specification should be Withdrawn

In the May 11, 2005 Office action, the examiner objected to the disclosure because of various informalities. In particular, the examiner objected to page 8, line 8 of the specification referencing “U.S. patent No. (1505-0007)”. However, this reference in the specification was amended in applicant’s preliminary amendment of May 25, 2004.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no amendment is needed on page 8, line 8 of the specification. Applicant has amended the specification, as set forth above, to correct other informalities noted by the examiner. Acceptance of the specification, with the amendments as set forth above, is respectfully requested.

IV. New Claims 23-31 Should Be Allowed

Applicant has added new claims 23-31 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312. These claims were not filed earlier in the application, as applicant's original application included more than twenty claims (20). However, because claims 1-17 have been withdrawn, additional claims may now be entered without the need for an additional fee. Applicant is requesting entry of new claims 23-31 in response to the first Office action following the restriction requirement. Each of new claims 23-31 is dependent upon and includes all of the limitations of allowed claim 17. Therefore, entry and allowance of new claims 23-31 is respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner's objections to the drawings and specification have been overcome. The pending claims have all been allowed by the examiner. Favorable and swift treatment of this application with issuance of a Notice of Allowability is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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